Education and Research, Chandigarh Act, 1966 (No. 51 of 1966), this House do proceed to elect, in such manner as the Chairman may direct, one Member from among the Members of the House to be a Member of the Post-Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, in the vacancy caused due to the induction of Shrimati Ambika Soni into the Union Council of Ministers w.e.f. the 29th January, 2006."

The question was put and the motion was adopted.

STATEMENTS BY MINISTERS

Status of implementation of recommendations contained in Twelfth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary *Standing Committee on Agriculture*

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): Sir, I lay a copy of the statement regarding the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Twelfth Report of the Department-related Parliamentary Standing Committee on Agriculture.

MATTER RAISED WITH PERMISSION

Panic over Bird Flu

MR. CHAIRMAN : Hon. Members, I have to inform that Special Mentions will be taken up in the House today after the Listed Business before the House for the day is completed.

SHRI NILOTPAL BASU (West Bengal) : Sir, at the very outset, I would like to thank you for allowing me to make this mention. I think for the last one month or so this country has been witnessing a major noise on this whole question of bird flu in this country. Sir, it is perhaps not a coincidence that we had been hearing about all these major outbreaks of epidemics and so on in the Asian countries which are supposedly the emerging economies of the world today. First, Sir, we had heard about the SARAS and then the bird flu in a very big way. Now, Sir, if one goes by the actual figures of incidence of this kind of diseases and the extent to which the lethal nature of these diseases are being highlighted in the media, one finds that there is a mismatch between the actual incidence of the diseases